



# Joint SubCommittee On Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget (PEPB)

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### PROPOSED DECISION PACKAGE LANGUAGE FOR 2009 BIENNIUM

#### Additional DP's To Be Discussed and Considered at August 2006 Meeting

The following Decision Packages (DP's) were not moved for recommendation by the PEPB at their June 2006 meeting, pending additional discussion and work with the accountability measures and outcome metrics.

These will be considered at the August 2006 PEPB meeting, specifically that the accountability measures written below in ***bold/italicized*** font will be considered by PEPB members.

#### Initiative DP #5: Improve Indian Education for All (restricted, OTO)

The PEPB recommends a restricted, one-time only appropriation of \$500,000 general fund to support proposed improvements to the Indian Education For All program in the university educational units of the MUS as follows:

- \$250,000 in FY 2008 to support program improvements
- \$250,000 in FY 2009 contingent upon the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education providing a report, to be presented to the PEPB by May 15, 2008 that demonstrates the following:
  - ***that the Tribal Advisory Board on Indian Education for All has been created and that the Board has drafted a workplan***
  - ***that the Indian Education for All website for the Montana University System has been put up and is operational***
  - ***that the faculty development program for Indian Education for All has been created and implemented***
  - ***that the request for proposal (RFP) process for Indian Education for All "public domain" coursework is completed and ready to be released***

#### Initiative DP #6-B: Healthcare Worker Education (restricted, biennial, partial OTO)

- The PEPB recommends a restricted, biennial, one-time-only general fund appropriation of \$3 million to support the Healthcare Worker Education program in order to support funding individual initiatives to expand healthcare training programs.

The university system is invited to request state funding to establish this as an ongoing, sustainable appropriation in the subsequent 2011 biennium budget, contingent upon a report to

the PEPB by August 2008 that demonstrates progress toward the following accountability measures (see companion bill to HB 2, which is HB \_\_\_\_):

- *Programs for high demand healthcare occupations in rural and underserved areas of the state have been significantly expanded, with particular emphasis on:*
  - *Programs that place medical, dental, pharmacy, and advanced practice nursing students in rural and underserved communities;*
  - *Programs that increase the number of nursing graduates who are working in rural and underserved communities; and*
  - *Expansion or start up of two- and four-year allied health programs identified as being in high demand by employers (imaging, laboratory, and therapeutic, for example).*
- *Programs that increase the availability of clinical education opportunities have significantly expanded enrollment, with emphasis on:*
  - *Increased faculty for clinical education in community sites;*
  - *Increased clinical placements in rural and underserved communities; and*
  - *Enhanced quality of clinical education through simulation and other non-traditional strategies.*
- *Health professions education for rural and underserved residents has been significantly expanded through flexible educational options including distance education, accelerated programs, and multi-campus collaborative programs.*
- *The university system is on track to provide the healthcare workers needed in Montana over the next decade, consistent with the long-term goals of the statewide plan.*

Initiative DP #7: One-Time-Only Investments in Infrastructure and Program Development (restricted, biennial, OTO)

The PEPB recommends a restricted, biennial, one-time-only general fund appropriation of \$8 million general fund to support the investments in infrastructure and program development as follows:

- \$5 million one-time-only for MUS Equipment and Technology
- \$1.5 million one-time-only for deferred maintenance for Montana's three community colleges
- \$1.5 million one-time-only to expand critical programs in workforce training and program development in high-demand fields

*The university system is requested to submit a report to the PEPB by August 2008 that demonstrates the impact of this funding and its progress toward the accountability measure of improving institutional and system efficiency and effectiveness.*